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# NEWS RELEASE

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## JENA 6 RALLY AND MARCH FOR JUSTICE

The Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus (LLBC) has joined in the efforts to eradicate the social ill of racism which has once again surfaced in our great state. Many of you are aware that six young black citizens in Jena, Louisiana are facing serious criminal charges in response to actions motivated by acts of discrimination from their white peers. The students were originally charged with attempted second degree murder, an absurd and unfounded charge in response to a juvenile "fist fight". The LLBC is co-sponsoring the "Jena Six" Rally and March for Peace and Justice to be held in Jena, LA on September 20, 2007 at 7:00 am. Additional co-sponsors include the Rainbow Push Coalition, National Action Network, statewide NAACP, National Bar Association, Micheal Baisden Show, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and a host of other organizations are co-sponsoring this event.

To assure attendance, the LLBC is sponsoring buses for students and legislative staff. The LLBC is also committed to contacting the appropriate statewide elected officials as an effort to have this litigation resolved. **The LLBC continues to stand firm in our commitment to ensure that all citizens of Louisiana enjoy those civil rights and liberties that others battled long and hard to obtain.**

We have also posted links to the other organizations web pages to provide our constituents with additional information. If you have concerns regarding the contents of this email, please contact Katrina Jackson or Shantellie Bingham at (225) 342-7342.

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